

The City of Salina receives numerous calls concerning outdoor burning. The City of Salina adopted the 2003 International Fire Code. This pamphlet explains the outdoor burning requirements as set by the International Fire Code.



Types of Outdoor Fires

Outdoor fires can be divided into 3 categories: Open burning fires, recreational fires, and cooking fires.

Open burning fires are those fires that are outdoors and are not contained within a device of any sort. The City of Salina does not allow such fires, unless the Fire Chief determines it is in the best interest of the community and involves the protection of health, safety and the environment.

Recreational fires are those fires that are outdoors and must be contained within a safely built device (i.e. outdoor fireplace, fire pot, chimnea, etc.). Small wood logs or commercial burn products are the only items that can be burned. These fires can not be conducted purely as a means of disposing of combustible products.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material. The maximum height of the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.



Cooking fires must be contained within a device and use charcoal, wood chips, or propane.

During any recreational or cooking fire, a garden hose or fire extinguisher shall be readily available. The wind must be such that it doesn't cause smoke to invade adjacent property owners. The fire department is authorized to discontinue any open burning, recreational or cooking fire that is unsafe or causes offensive smoke.



Contact the Salina Fire Department at 826-7340 if you have any questions about open burning. A burn permit is required for open burning.

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about open burning requirements or would like additional information, please contact the Salina Fire Department.

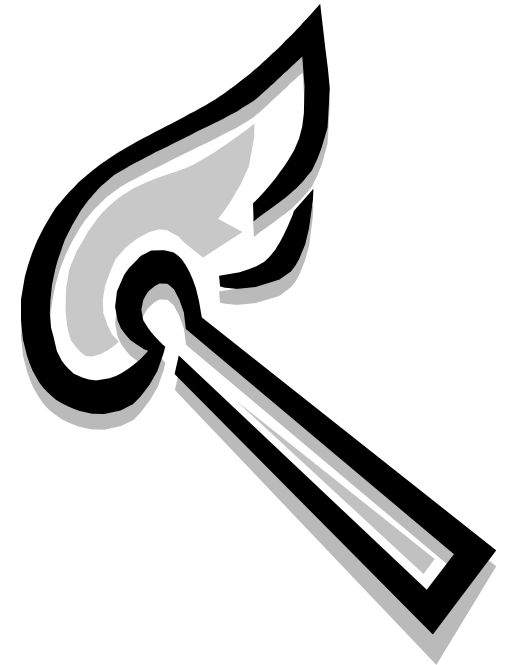
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AN OVERVIEW OF
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REQUIREMENTS